

# May 2018



## A Message from Sturgis

This month, I will pause in my efforts to show you why Prescott College matters. Instead, I will tell you a little bit about why Prescott College matters to **me**.

First, a confession: for most of April I have not been working to further the mission of the College. Nope, not me. While my colleague Desi was left to endure the daily avalanche of Prescott College minutia, I was on a Grand Canyon river trip.

It was a great group. Just eight people, most with significant outdoor experience, all with a go-for-it attitude: "Paddle a Ducky through Lava Falls? What could go wrong?" [Read more.](#)

Cheers,  
Sturgis Robinson '75



## Prescott College's Statement on Tuition Initiative to Support DACA Students in Arizona

Prescott College announced that undocumented students with or without DACA status who are attending or planning to attend an Arizona state university will be welcomed at Prescott College for a lower tuition rate than they will now be forced to pay at an Arizona state university. "Prescott College is a private nonprofit college, not a state school," said President John Flicker. "This unfortunate court ruling doesn't apply to us. We will admit any qualifying undocumented student at no more than the cost of resident tuition at Arizona's three state universities. We welcome these students; we don't penalize them." [Read more at https://news.prescott.edu/.](https://news.prescott.edu/)

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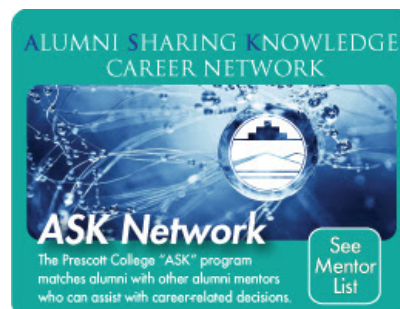


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## College



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## Faculty News

**Walt Anderson**

**New Faculty: Dr. Gretchen Gano**

**New Faculty: Seastienne Grant**

**Doug Hulmes**

## Class Notes

**Willie Heineke '14**

Willie is the current outreach associate at the Illinois Housing Action. Find out about how Willie is helping to end poverty by expanding access to affordable housing at <http://housingactionil.org/2018/04/12/building-the-next-generation-of-change-agents/>.

**Wendy Marcus '91**

Wendy writes, "I am a practicing attorney and have had my share of river trips. It recently came to my attention that some river runners are under the impression that they can float across private property without permission in Arizona, as long as they stay in the water. Be aware, this is not the law in Arizona, and may not be the law in other states. Public lands usually require a permit. A private landowner will also want notice of who is on their property. Remember, this is somebody else's back yard. Find out who owns the property and make sure you have permission before you plan your trip. Be friendly. Invite the landholder to join you, if not for the whole trip, then how about a meal or cup of coffee? Find out about the property you plan to cross. Are there nesting birds, new calves, or a recent rock fall? Let the landholder know when you are gone. Remember what your grandmother said and write a thank you note later. A little friendliness and good manners will take you a long way. Who knows, maybe you will get an invitation to return when conditions are great."

**Diane Schmidt '74**

Read Diane's latest column entitled "What We Must Do" published in *The Gallup Independent*, April 7, 2018, at

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**Synopsis: 13th Annual Best Practices Symposium**

<http://dianejoyschmidt.com/2018/04/07/what-we-must-do/>.

### **Pinar Ateş Sinopoulos-Lloyd '14**

Pinar is a co-founder of Queer Nature, an organization that brings LGBTQ2+ folks nature-connection, ancestral skills and rites of passage. Queer Nature is a Colorado-based project that creates a decolonially informed queer futurism through earth-based skills. Queer Nature recognizes that many people, including LGBTQ2+ people and womxn, have historically not had easy access to the culture of outdoor recreation on Turtle Island. Pursuits like hunting, fishing, camping, and tactical or survival skills have been very difficult to access or relate to for anyone who didn't grow up hunting, in Boy Scouts, or in the military. Additionally, LGBTQ2+ community has historically formed in urban America, in places like bars and clubs, because the wilderness has not necessarily been a welcoming place for us. To create a space for women and LGBTQ2+ people to access their natural human right to these skills is a revolutionary act in today's world. This program envisions and implements ecological relationship as a vital and often overlooked part of the healing and wholing of populations who have been systemically silenced and marginalized, such as the LGBTQ2+ population, and especially trans and queer people of color and two-spirit folks. Ecological literacy is deep relationship building with living and non-living earth systems through ancestral-futurist resilience skills including naturalist knowledge, so-called 'survival' skills, natural crafts, and local cultural/natural history. Check it out at [www.queernature.org](http://www.queernature.org).

Submitted by Noel Cox Caniglia



Prescott College's Equine Program (EQP) hosted its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Practices Symposium, *Standing on the shoulders of Giants*, which was held April 8 to 11, 2018, at Juniper Well Ranch in Skull Valley, Ariz. The 30 participants represented a wide range of the Prescott College community. They included current Equine Assisted Learning and Equine Assisted Mental Health students, faculty who taught at the College from the 1980s through faculty who are teaching today, and Prescott College alumni from the late 1960s through recent graduates. It was a dynamic mix of well-respected leaders and pioneers to emerging scholars and practitioners in the equine assisted learning and mental health fields. [Read more.](#)

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